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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and the goals that need to be achieved.

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METAL SUBSTRATE SURFACE)
AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION)
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Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified divisional patent application.

Please cancel Claims 1-10.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-10 from the present application due to the same having been prosecuted in relation to parent application Serial No. 09/248,172 filed February 9, 1999. Accordingly, in the present divisional patent application, Applicants are prosecuting Claims 11-15 which were originally presented in the parent application and withdrawn